

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): An apparatus for retracting a hose wherein the hose has a continuous length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end is opposite to the second end, the apparatus comprising:

a housing having an interior defined between a first end and a second end wherein the hose retracts into the interior of the housing wherein the first end of the hose is fixed at the first end of the housing and further wherein the hose retracts into the interior of the housing from the second end;

a drive unit ~~associated with~~ at the second end of the housing wherein the drive unit has a belt and further wherein the drive unit retracts the hose into the housing; and

a motor attached to the drive unit wherein the drive unit is powered by the motor.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein the drive unit has a cover.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein the drive unit has a plurality of rollers.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of Claim 9 wherein the drive unit has a plate.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus of Claim 9 further

comprising:

grooves formed in the belt.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~An~~ A retracting apparatus ~~for retracting a hose, the apparatus~~ comprising:

a drive unit having a belt having a length wherein the belt has a plurality of grooves wherein adjacent grooves of the plurality of grooves are spaced at a defined distance between the adjacent grooves along the length; and

a flexible hose having a length and further having ribs wherein the ribs encircle the hose along the length and are spaced at a distance equal to the defined distance between the adjacent grooves of the belt ~~correspond to the plurality of grooves of the belt~~.

Claim 15 (original): The apparatus of Claim 14 further comprising:

a motor attached to the drive unit.

Claims 16-20 (canceled)